

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed August 12, 2008, Applicant hereby elects Group II, claims 9-19, for continued examination. This election is made without traverse. Applicant notes that non-elected claims 1-8 were previously canceled in an amendment pursuant to PCT Article 34, a translation of which was submitted upon filing of the present application. Because it appears that the PCT Article 34 amendments have not been entered, the claims have hereby been amended to conform to the status of the claims from the PCT Article 34 amendment, and to remove multiple dependencies from the claims. New claim 20, which corresponds to a claim added in the PCT Article 34 amendment, has been added. Further, the subject matter of claim 10 has been incorporated into claim 9, and claim 10 has been canceled. Thus, claims 9 and 11-20 are now pending. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner asserts in the election of species requirement mailed August 12, 2008, that, "if Applicant elects Group I or II, then an election of formula I or III is required to react with the claimed formula II under polymerization process." Applicant hereby elects the species including formula I, on which claims 9, 11-13, and 15-20 read, in reply to the election of species requirement. Further, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 9 is generic to both species.

Claim 14 claims that "an acid component *further comprises* an aromatic tetracarboxylic acid dianhydride represented by formula (III)." That is, as explained in paragraph [0034] of the published application, "the compound of formula (I) and its derivative may be used singly or used in combination with two or more kinds." Thus, the compound for formula (I) and the compound of formula (III) can be used in combination, and this is the

manner in which the subject matter of claim 14 is claimed. Thus, claim 9 is generic to both species. Thus, claim 14, which contains formula III, is hereby withdrawn, but left pending at this time.

Conclusion

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0591, under Order No. 17195/002001 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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